

**GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS OF
THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION
ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON
THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL
WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE
EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO
HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS**

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**Two new articles on international cooperation and assistance and on transparency
measures**

Proposal by the Republic of Lithuania

1. The Republic of Lithuania would like to propose to include in a draft protocol on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines the following two new articles on international cooperation and assistance and on transparency measures.

“Article 5bis

International cooperation and assistance

1. In fulfilling its obligations under this Protocol each High Contracting Party has the right to seek and to receive technical and other assistance, where feasible, from other High Contracting Parties.
2. Each High Contracting Party in a position to do so undertakes to provide technical and other assistance if requested.

Article 5ter

Transparency measures

1. Each High Contracting Party to the Protocol shall submit an initial declaration on the implementation of the provisions of the Protocol to the Depositary of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, no later than 60 days after the entry into force of this Protocol for that State Party.
2. Each High Contracting Party to this Protocol shall update declarations annually, covering the last calendar year, and provide a report to the Depositary no later than 30 April of each year.

3. The report shall include:
 - steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;
 - legislation related to this Protocol;
 - measures taken on technical cooperation and technical or other assistance provided; and
 - other relevant matters.”
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